

As a Canadian citizen living in a rural community, I would like to voice my concern about the implementation of deregulation of Canada Post.

Living in a rural area has always put us at a disadvantage as far as the cost of many of the services that members of the urban communities enjoy. We pay more for many of our services to be delivered to our community. We have always been fortunate to pay the same for our postal service as the rest of the country. We pay in rural Cape Breton the same to mail a letter as our mainland friends in Halifax.

Along with the increase in cost to services, I believe that the proposal to deregulate Canada Post will result in job losses for our communities. In areas where unemployment issues are currently high, this would be devastating.

I can also see a great loss for many of the communities less fortunate. The seniors, low income families, single parent families now rely on being able to receive their mail locally. This may not stand true if deregulation is allowed. These members of the community will find a greater hardship if they have to travel to receive the services that they now have available to them. Not to mention the social impact that losing the local service may have for them as some may only have this outlet to socialize.

Please add my voice to the members of the public who are adamant about opposing the deregulation of Canada Post.

Sincerely,

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